

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as indicated below:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for automatically composing an electronic audio-visual menu for selection of playback of audio-visual data, wherein a first portion of audio-visual data and a first portion of menu data ~~is~~ are retrieved from a first storage medium being an exchangeable pre-recorded medium, ~~the first portion of menu data comprising audio-visual data, and~~ wherein a second portion of audio-visual data and a second portion of menu data are obtained from a second data source ~~different from said first storage medium, wherein said second portion of audio-visual data comprises no menu data and wherein said second portion of menu data comprises audio-visual~~ menu data and has at least one first attribute associated, the method comprising the steps of

- generating an initial menu from the first portion of menu data, wherein the first portion of menu data comprises audio-visual data, the initial menu containing one or more visible, selectable buttons and at least one invisible placeholder that cannot be selected, wherein the at least one invisible placeholder has at least one second attribute associated with said at least one invisible placeholder;
- extracting said first attribute associated with the second portion of menu data;
- comparing said extracted first attribute with said second attribute associated with the at least one invisible placeholder; and
- based on said comparison, if both attributes match, replacing the at least one invisible placeholder with a visible and selectable button defined by the second portion of menu data,

- wherein the second data source is different from said first storage medium and wherein said second portion of audio-visual data comprises no menu data, and said second portion of menu data comprises audio-visual menu data.

2. (Original) Method according to claim 1, further comprising the step of automatically detecting the availability of said second portion of menu data or of said second portion of audio-visual data.

3. (Currently Amended) A device for automatically composing an audio-visual menu for selection of playback of audio-visual data, the menu containing buttons for selecting portions of the audio-visual data, wherein a first portion of audio-visual data and a first portion of menu data are retrieved from an exchangeable pre-recorded storage medium, ~~the first portion of menu data comprising audio-visual data,~~ and wherein a second portion of audio-visual data and a second portion of menu data are obtained from a second data source ~~different from said exchangeable pre-recorded storage medium, wherein said second portion of audio-visual data comprises no menu data, and wherein said second portion of menu data comprises audio-visual menu data~~ and has at least one first attribute associated, the device comprising

- means for generating an initial menu from the first portion of menu data, wherein the first portion of menu data comprises audio-visual data, the initial menu containing one or more visible, selectable buttons and at least one invisible placeholder that cannot be selected, wherein the at least one invisible placeholder has at least one second attribute associated;
- means for extracting said first attribute associated with the second portion of menu data;

- means for comparing said extracted first attribute with the second attribute associated with the at least one invisible placeholder, and for indicating that both attributes match; and
- means for replacing upon said indication the at least one invisible placeholder in said initial menu with a visible and selectable menu button;
- wherein the second data source is different from said first storage medium and wherein said second portion of audio-visual data comprises no menu data, and said second portion of menu data comprises audio-visual menu data.

4. (Previously Amended) Method according to claim 1, wherein the second data source is a local storage medium, and the data that defines the visible and selectable menu button replacing the placeholder contains a unique reference to the stored second portion of audio-visual data.

5. (Previously Amended) Method according to claim 1, wherein the data that defines the visible and selectable button replacing the placeholder further contains button location information or a specification of conditions for button activation.

6. (Previously Amended) Method according to claim 1, wherein the data that defines the visible and selectable button replacing the placeholder further contains picture data defining the appearance of the button.

7. (Previously Amended) Method according to claim 1, wherein the exchangeable storage medium is rewritable, and said second portion of audio-visual data and said second portion of menu data are also stored on said medium.

8. (Previously Amended) Method according to claim 1, wherein upon replacement of one or more placeholders by one or more visible and selectable buttons another, previously visible and selectable button defined in the first portion of menu data is disabled and switched invisible.

9. (Previously Amended) Method according to claim 1, wherein said second portion of menu data contains navigation chaining information.

10. (Currently amended) An electronic exchangeable storage medium containing audio-visual presentation data and related menu data, the storage medium containing within the menu data

- a default menu data portion suitable for generating a visible menu, the default menu data portion comprising audio-visual menu data;
- a data portion specifying a placeholder, the data portion indicating that the placeholder ~~may not be~~ is prohibited from being used to generate a visible menu item; and
- an first attribute associated with the placeholder and said attribute specifies ~~specifying~~ a location on another storage medium from where to retrieve the data by which the placeholder ~~may be~~ is replaced ~~for~~ when generating a visible menu button, wherein ~~the~~ a second portion of menu data contains a second attribute, the first attribute ~~placeholders attribute~~ is compared with said second attribute and if both attributes match, the placeholder is thereby replaced with a visible and selectable button defined by the second portion of menu data button.

11. (Currently amended) Device according to claim 3, wherein the second data source is a local storage medium, and the data that defines the visible and selectable menu button replacing the placeholder contains a unique reference to the ~~stored~~ second portion of audio-visual data.

12. (Previously presented) Device according to claim 3, wherein the data that defines the visible and selectable button replacing the placeholder further contains button location information or a specification of conditions for button activation.

13. (Previously presented) Device according to claim 3, wherein the data that defines the visible and selectable button replacing the placeholder further contains picture data defining the appearance of the button.

14. (Currently amended) Device according to claim 3, wherein the exchangeable pre-recorded storage medium is rewritable, and said second portion of audio-visual data and said second portion of menu data are also stored on said medium.

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16. (Previously presented) Device according to claim 3, wherein said second portion of menu data contains navigation chaining information.

17. (New) Method according to claim 1, wherein the at least one invisible placeholder remains invisible if both attributes fail to match, based on said comparison.

18. (New) Method according to claim 1, wherein the data replacing the at least one invisible placeholder that is retrieved from the second data source comprise at least one command.

19. (New) Method according to claim 18, wherein the at least one command is a playback command for playing back AV content from a location which that is other than the first storage medium.

20. (New) Device according to claim 3, wherein the at least one invisible placeholder remains invisible if said means for comparing indicate that both attributes fail to match.

21. (New) Method according to claim 20, wherein the at least one command is a playback command for playing back AV content that is not stored on the first storage medium.